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English-Language Documents

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Foreign-Language Documents

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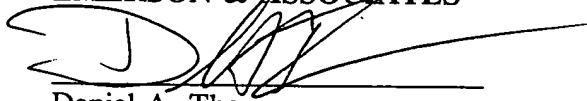
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

Respectfully submitted,

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